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Applicants : Mitsuru ADACHI et al.

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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
SHAPING SEMISOLID METALS

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Examiner : Lin

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

An Office Action (Restriction Requirement) was mailed from the USPTO on March 26, 2002 relating to the above-identified patent application. A RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME were mailed to the USPTO on May 13, 2002 in response to said March 26, 2002 Office Action.

Following a telephone conversation with Examiner Lin on September 30, 2002, a copy of each of the RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and the PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME dated May 13, 2002, respectively, was facsimile transmitted to the USPTO on September 30, 2002, together with a copy of the postcard receipt therefor evidencing the receipt of such papers by the USPTO.

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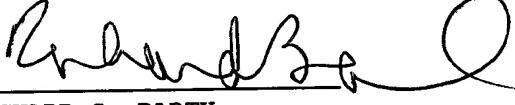
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To date, no further Office Action has been received.

In view of the long delay of the USPTO in acting on this application evidenced by the above, it is respectfully requested that this application be acted on immediately.

Respectfully submitted,



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